



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

With the election over and the start of the new year, I am officially back as the HFRA President. Across the three months of campaigning for the District 1 City Council seat, I learned a great deal talking to people both in and outside the historic district and I'd like to share an overview of some of the key issues that directly or indirectly impact the HD. The board is evaluating these to determine whether any should become focus areas for the next 12 months.

The Historic District traffic and parking solutions continue to evolve as evidenced by the new shuttle service (covered in a separate article), but overall the city still continues to approach HD parking and traffic in a piecemeal fashion so a comprehensive action plan for addressing the parking and traffic is still needed. This has been, and will continue to be, a focus area for the board.

The past three years of drought have brought significant increase of fire risk along the American River Parkway. The solution requires resources which are expensive and hard to wrangle because of the multitude of city/state organizations who have jurisdiction. I believe the best way to get the various agencies involved to address this risk is to work the issue through the insurance commissioner by making the case for it being an economic risk for residents due to increasing costs or potential loss of coverage. This is still a hypothesis, but the issue is one that will grow in importance if drought conditions return.

River District planning activity is increasing, first with ARPA funds allocated to program management last summer and more recently with the hiring of a full time program manager to oversee the development of a high level plan. Specifics will unfold over a number of years. For those not familiar, The River District Plan covers the American River area from the Folsom border near Hazel all the way to the Dam Road, with the corp yard being only one of many potential development opportunities. More updates will come as the planning structure gets developed.—Mike Reynolds



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FEBRUARY 16

5:30 PM

FOLSOM HISTORY

823 SUTTER STREET



FUTURE HISTORIC DISTRICT PARKING

DID YOU KNOW?

The California legislature recently enacted AB 2097, a new law that took effect January 1, 2023 and which (mostly) precludes city governments from imposing minimum parking requirements on any new development with 1/2 mile of a public transit station.

The Folsom Historic District has a light rail station in its boundaries and as such, it is likely that all new development in the historic district would be subject to the parking requirement exceptions indicated in AB 2097, to include both residential and commercial developments.

—IF YOU WANT TO GO QUICKLY, GO ALONE. IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER —

NEW FOLSOM CITY COUNCIL SEATED

At a special meeting held on December 12, the Folsom City Council seated new council members and selected a Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Folsom City Council member Mike Kozlowski was seated as the new council member representing District 1. The Folsom Historic District is included in District 1.

In addition, Anna Rohrbough, was seated as the new District 5 representative, replacing former council member Kerri Howell.

The Folsom City Council also selected a new mayor and vice mayor. Council Member Rosario Rodriguez was selected to serve as mayor and is the first Latina to hold that position. Council Member YK Chalemcherla was elected to serve as Vice Mayor and he is the first Asian Pacific Islander to serve in that role.

FREE SHUTTLES IN HISTORIC DISTRICT: THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

The Folsom Historic District has launched a brand new ride-share app that allows easy access to the Folsom Historic District's free visitor shuttle service. The "Historic Folsom Shuttle" app has the familiar look and feel of a traditional on-demand ride share app. The shuttle operates in the Folsom Historic District every Friday and Saturday evening from 5pm -10:30pm and during special events. Once visitors arrive in the Folsom Historic District and park their car, they can pull up the app, select a destination and hail a shuttle ride. Users are instantly notified of their wait time and can follow their shuttle driver's location on the map.

The shuttles are electric, state of the art, enclosed, seat six people comfortably and have climate control. They allow visitors to dramatically reduce the time spent searching for nearby parking. The app also allows convenient access to information on the Folsom Historic District's many businesses and services.

Visitors should search for the "Historic Folsom Shuttle" app on their Apple or Android phone or scan the QR code below to download it before their visit.

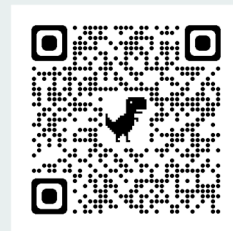
Visitors are encouraged to park in the FREE parking garage located at 905 Leidesdorff Street, or in any of the other free parking areas located throughout the Folsom Historic District. The shuttle service is free to visitors, although tips are gladly accepted by the shuttle drivers.

HFRA members are welcome to share this information with visitors to the historic district to encourage visitors to utilize the parking garage and other free parking areas in the district for parking.



WON'T YOU JOIN US?

SIMPLY HOLD YOUR PHONE OR MOBILE DEVICE CAMERA UP TO THE QR CODE BELOW AND RECEIVE AN IMMEDIATE LINK TO OUR HFRA WEBSITE WITH INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN. SEND THE LINK TO YOUR NEIGHBOR VIA TEXT OR SHARE THE QR CODE DIRECTLY.



FOLSOM HISTORY MUSEUM UPDATE

*The Folsom History Museum has received an update and has a new name! Have you been in recently? Stop by Folsom History at **823 Sutter Street** to see the exciting changes that have been made. Or visit their website at www.folsomhistory.org*



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HFRA SPRING FLING

We're making plans for another HFRA member picnic this spring. Last year, we visited the Cohn Mansion.

This year, we hope to hold the event at the Murer House to showcase another important historic location in our neighborhood.

The Murer House was built by Giuseppe "Joe" Murer in approximately 1925 and it exists today as part of the Murer House Foundation, which endeavors to educate the public regarding Folsom's Italian heritage. Joe Murer was an important figure in Historic Folsom's history, having built and rebuilt many of the structures along Sutter Street, as well as other locations in the City of Folsom.

The Murer House hosts Italian cooking classes, art classes and language classes. They also maintain a regulation bocce ball court that is available to members of the Murer Foundation.

Stay tuned for details regarding our upcoming Spring Fling!

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UPCOMING GOVERNMENT MEETING DATES

FEBRUARY 14 & FEBRUARY 28:

FOLSOM CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 1, MARCH 1 AND APRIL 5:

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

